

Calendar Year 2005
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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The Northern Command enjoyed a successful 2005 in its efforts toward traffic safety in northwestern Nevada. Unfortunately, the total number of crashes rose by 9.6% from numbers recorded in 2004. The increase, however, occurred in a traffic environment that included record snowfall levels in the early part of the year and concluded with major flooding at the end of the year. There is excellent news in the rate of fatalities on our highways. The Northern Command area experienced 6 fewer fatal crashes, resulting in 9 fewer persons killed compared to 2004 levels.

Enforcement activities in the Northern Command were increased in 2005. Proactive arrests of drug or alcohol impaired drivers increased by 26.5%, occupant restraint enforcement increased by 7.8%, and total violations enforced increased by 11.5%. Commercial vehicle enforcement efforts showed dramatic gains, with total vehicle safety inspections up by 33.8% and total citations and arrests up by over 290%. The personnel assigned to both traffic and commercial vehicle enforcement did an excellent job in 2005

The efforts of the Northern Command in 2005 demonstrate a continuing trend in the northwestern Nevada area. According to information obtained from the Nevada State Demographer, the area served by the Northern Command has grown by approximately 11.3% since early 2002. Similarly, the number of total crashes on roadways served by the highway patrol has grown 12%. While the growth in crashes would appear to keep up with the population growth, safety activities and enforcement are being accomplished with fewer resources. The Northern Command has 17 fewer Trooper positions than it did in 2002. Even with fewer Troopers, total enforcement activity has increased by over 25% in the four-year period. The most encouraging result of that effort is a reduction in the number of persons killed on our highways, from a high of 77 in 2002, to 51 in 2005.

51 lives lost are still far too many, but the lives spared are an important testament to the value of traffic safety enforcement.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	2005	2004	% Change
Total Crashes	4836	4414	9.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3299	2967	11.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1491	1395	6.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	46	52	-11.5%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	206	168	22.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	51	60	-15.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	20	13	53.8%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	4	8	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	11	20	-45.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	9	-77.8%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	14	10	40.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	270	177	52.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	223	124	79.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	43	51	-15.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	2	100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes	1.0%
Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes	4.3%
Percentage of persons killed <i>without</i> seatbelts to total persons killed	47.1%
Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes	5.6%

CRASH ANALYSIS:

The Northern Command showed a rise in total crashes of 9.6%. The increase is attributed primarily to the constructions zones that were operated for the entire year. Of significant note is the continuing "Spaghetti Bowl" project that has resulted in lane closures and lane shifts that back up traffic and rear end crashes occur. The US 395 bypass in Carson City is also a major project that encompassed the entire calendar year.

Although statistically commercial vehicle crashes rose significantly, they remain relatively low at 5.6% of the total. The commercial enforcement section began a campaign to combat hazardous driving of truck drivers, in conjunction with the "No Zone" efforts.

The Northern Command troopers will continue to work the high crash locations as monthly trends indicate.

A positive note is the reduction in fatal crashes. There were 6 fewer fatal crashes which resulted in 9 fewer deaths on our roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2005	2004	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	208	168	23.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	1061	839	26.5%
Other Arrests	4923	4198	17.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	2326	2027	14.8%
Speed violations	23297	23283	0.1%
Hazardous moving violations	8279	8383	-1.2%
Occupant restraint violations *	4679	4339	7.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	63731	57179	11.5%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	573	168	241.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	554	214	158.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	8431	6300	33.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	10	9	11.1%
Total safety violations -- citation	3375	2368	42.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	25034	13184	89.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1393	768	81.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	813	292	178.4%
Total school buses inspected	1428	1151	24.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	428	274	56.2%
Total trucks weighed	2898	3132	-7.5%
Total overweight citations	413	252	63.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	5896	4258	38.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	23	25	-8.0%

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

FIELD ENFORCEMENT:

The Northern Command had dramatic gains in enforcement efforts when compared to last year. Seatbelt citations increased by 45.7% and Hazardous Moving violations increased by 15.3% to dovetail with our effort to reduce the severity of injury during a crash. DUI arrests prior to a crash increased by 26.2%, however, DUI crashes also increased. There will be a continued effort to remove all DUI drivers from our roadways.

The Commercial Enforcement Section showed tremendous gains over last year. The Section has vigorously strived to meet and or exceed the goals as set by agreements with the Federal Government. (See below for a more complete analysis)



Northern Nevada started 2005 off with a major snowstorm. Snow stayed on the ground in most areas through February.

RENO URBAN TRAFFIC

The Northern Command Urban area investigated a total of 2,647 crashes this year as opposed to 2,399 the previous year. This is a 10.3 percent increase in total crashes. The greatest increase was in the property damage category. The injury crashes remained unchanged from the previous year. DUI related crashes increased by 76 percent, which is of significance when compared to the lowering of the legal BAC from .10 to .08. DUI arrests prior to crashes also showed a significant increase of over 60 percent. Commercial vehicle crashes increased by a staggering 109 percent. No trends could be identified to explain the significant increase in commercial crashes.

The Reno Urban area averaged 29.16 troopers per month during 2005, which was up from 26.83 in 2004. The average number of crashes handled per traffic position in 2005 was 90.77.

Nevada's population growth for the past year was 3.5 percent which ranked first for the 19th consecutive year. Over the past five years, Nevada's population has increased by more than 20 percent. The Reno Urban area was no exception. As the population continues to grow in the Truckee Meadows, we will undoubtedly experience an upward trend in crashes.

Overall enforcement in the Reno Urban area was up from last year. Total violations were up over last year by 16 percent to 30,263. Some of the increase can be attributed to the additional manpower available. Occupant restraint violations were up by 33 percent over last year which can be attributed to an increased focus on the part of our troopers and several "Click it or Ticket" campaigns sponsored by the Office of Traffic Safety. According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, seatbelt usage was up to an all time high of 82 percent nationwide. However, Nevada was one of 34 states that increased their seatbelt use this year, from 86.6 percent last year to 94.8 percent this year. Nevada ranks third in the nation in seatbelt use. The diligent enforcement by our troopers undoubtedly had an effect on seatbelt use.

The high percentage of seatbelt use is also reflected in the unchanged number of injury crashes reported from last year to this year. The injury severity has also been on a downward trend with more and more being recorded as "Claimed" injury only.

The Urban Traffic Troopers should be commended for their increased efforts during the past year.

CARSON/TAHOE/MINDEN

Carson/Minden/Tahoe showed an increase of 10.1% in total accidents from 1312 in 2004 to 1445 in 2005. Property accidents are up 6.5% from 867 in 2004, to 923 in 2005. Injury accidents are up 14.4% from 439 in 2004, to 502 in 2005. Fatal accidents are up 42.9%

from 14 in 2004, to 20 in 2005. DUI accidents are unchanged when comparing 2004 and 2005.

Carson/Minden/Tahoe showed an increase in total violations of 9.3% from 15480 in 2004, to 16926 in 2005. DUI arrests prior to crashes are down 4.9% from 183 in 2004, to 174 in 2005.

Speed violations are up 13.9% from 5159 in 2004, to 5878 in 2005. Hazardous moving violations are up 16.4% from 2455 in 2004, to 2857 in 2005. Occupant Restraint violations are down 15.8% from 1784 in 2004, to 1503 in 2005.

The Carson/Minden/Tahoe District has had a sharp population growth during this reporting period. The Dayton, Minden and Stagecoach area have expanded greatly and have affected the traffic flows in those areas. This district has also had a number of long-term construction projects that have influenced the crash rates. The Carson City Freeway in the Lakeview Hill area has also had numerous changes that have impacted the number of crashes in that area.

During this period, the Troopers in the Carson/Minden/Tahoe District have done a good job of coping with the added traffic flow and various construction projects that have been in the area. They have done a good job of enforcing the traffic laws of the state and have kept a good attitude. They are to be commended for their hard work.

FERNLEY/FALLON

The Fernley/Fallon District had a very good year, especially considering it operated with one less trooper than the previous year. It is now at the fully allocated staffing as we enter 2006.

The major population area of Fernley continued to grow at a very high rate. Fernley is becoming the bedroom community to Reno as housing prices climbed throughout the year. A road construction project for the main junction in town created traffic crashes and problems all year.

Crashes showed a rate of increase consistent with the population growth at 4.3% over last year's total. The two areas of encouragement were that injury crashes were down by 5.7% and fatal crashes were down 15.4%. This may be due to the aggressive efforts of the troopers with a 21.5% increase in seatbelt citations and an 18.3% increase in Hazardous Moving violations. Also very encouraging was the 10.8% drop in DUI crashes. This may be due to the dramatic increase in DUI arrests of 50.6%, before a crash occurred. Total violations also increased by 11.2%.



The annual Burning Man event brought 35,000 visitors to the Black Rock Desert.

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section showed a positive increase in almost every category for the 2005 calendar year as compared to 2004. In some areas, the increase in change was dramatic when taking into consideration staffing levels and new untrained personnel. Total violations for calendar year 2005 increased 209.6%. Total safety inspections increased by 20.8% and safety repair orders (mechanical problems discovered on commercial motor vehicles during inspection procedures) increased 71.2%. The increase in inspection activities in conjunction with the increase in mechanical repair orders indicate that the Northern Command Personnel are targeting non-compliant carriers and conducting quality inspections. Overweight citations issued in 2005, increased by 157 or 57.2% and the driver out-of-service rates increased 140.1%. The only categories that decreased were DUI's prior to crashes, compliance reviews and total trucks weighed.

The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section handled 32 collisions in calendar year 2005. Twenty-five of these collisions were property damage and seven were injury. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Personnel investigated 30.4% less accidents than what they investigated in 2004. The number of collisions investigated by commercial enforcement personnel that involved a commercial motor vehicle also decreased by 61.1% as compared to 2004.

In calendar years 2004 and 2005, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section functioned at reduced manpower levels. In 2004, the commercial section averaged in excess of two vacancies per month for the majority of the calendar year. In May and June of 2004, the commercial enforcement section staffing shortages were at the highest levels with five vacant positions. In October 2004, five new personnel were added to the Commercial Section. In comparison, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section worked the 2005 calendar year with one to two vacant positions per month. The staffing levels varied from month to month due to transfers, special assignments and retirements. In March 2005, two troopers transferred from the Traffic Section to the Commercial Enforcement Section. In June 2005, a commercial trooper retired. During the months of August and September of 2005, one commercial Trooper was sent to Mississippi to assist law enforcement agencies with the hurricane Katrina disaster.

Overall, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section performed well during calendar year 2005, and met and or exceeded all goals as established in Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan and State of Nevada Size and Weight Plan.

During the upcoming year, the Northern Command will host a North American Standards Training Course at the Reno office in January and February of 2006. In addition to commercial personnel, six rural Traffic Troopers and two officers from the Reno Police Department will attend this training.

The National Training Center has scheduled General Hazard Material training in February of 2006. Two Commercial Troopers will attend this training.

The 72-hour annual check-site will be held in Elko during the month of June 2006.

The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section will continue to participate in the Southern Command Enforcement Program (STEP) during the first quarter of FFY06. The Northern Command will send four troopers to the Las Vegas area once a month for one-week intervals and conduct CMV enforcement in accident corridors. This federally funded program is attempting to reduce fatalities in the Las Vegas Valley. In 2003, 47.3% of all fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles in Nevada occurred in the Las Vegas (Clark County) area. The Northern Command will continue to participate in the STEP program during the remaining months of FFY06.

The Northern Command will also participate in the FMCSA sponsored "Operation Brake Check" program. The "Operation Brake Check" will be held in May and September of 2006.

AIR OPERATIONS

This report shall serve as an analysis for Northern Command flight operations for the 2005 calendar year.

For the 12 month period just ended, the Northern Command aircraft flew 621 hours. This is a 6% increase over the prior year's 584 hours. 88 speed enforcement missions were flown; also a 6% increase over the prior year's total of 83 missions. 35 missions, or 40%, were conducted in the Central Command. The remainder were conducted in the Northern Command. Total enforcement activity increased also, from 2928 violations in 2004 to 3194 violations in 2005. This represents an increase of 9%. Included in the enforcement total were two DUI arrests and four reckless driving charges.

It is worthy of note that we went to court on only 7 of those 3194 violators. Our 100% conviction rate still stands.

During our enforcement missions over the year, 49 motorists were assisted.

As expected, the aircraft engine reached its 2000-hour Time Before Overhaul (TBO) limit in July. \$40,000 had been budgeted for a new engine, propeller, governor and some replacement avionics equipment. These maintenance upgrades were accomplished during August; the plane was back in service on Labor Day.

During 2005, our plane accomplished 34 prisoner transports. Most of these were in State; however, we conducted several felony out of State extraditions from California, Utah and Arizona. The number of prisoner transports is unchanged from 2004.

The Northern Command Aircraft continued a wide variety of activities in addition to enforcement and prisoner transports:

Air 1 was on static display for six air shows- The Reno Air Races and air shows in Silver Springs, Winnemucca, Minden, Carson City and Eureka. We try to coordinate these shows with the DPS recruitment team and usually have a car and motorcycle on display as well. Our participation in these events is always well received by the public and we will continue our participation in the future.

On March 4, a flatbed tow truck was stolen at gunpoint outside of Wells on IR80 and a pursuit was commenced westbound. Air 1 met up with the pursuit near Winnemucca and stayed with the vehicle until the pursuit was successfully terminated west of Lovelock. During the 200+ mile pursuit, the aircraft provided a bird's eye view and communications support for the ground units and the Reno and Elko dispatch centers.

In February, we were requested by the Department of Prisons to provide aerial escort while they transported 89 high risk prisoners from Las Vegas to Reno. This was accomplished without incident.

Throughout the year, the aircraft was used to transport NDI's polygraph examiner to various locations to administer exams on parolees. The plane is made available to all DPS divisions to provide personnel transport to the rural areas of the State.

The Civil Air Patrol invited our aircraft to participate in a search and rescue training exercise in November. This was a night exercise and we were successful in locating all three targets.



In October 2005, local philanthropist George Gillemot generously donated his 1977 Cessna T210 airplane to the State. Both DPS and NDOT will be using this aircraft; it is anticipated the usage will be 80% DPS and 20% NDOT. Our Division will oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the plane as well as the administrative aspects. This plane is larger and more powerful than the two Cessnas currently in our fleet. The plane is capable of carrying the pilot and five passengers at speeds approaching 200 mph. It is currently being equipped with NHP radios and timing equipment for use in speed enforcement. Plans are in development to keep the 210 in Carson City for use in enforcement and prisoner/personnel transports and to base the 172 in Elko. Trooper Wes Brown, who recently qualified as a backup pilot, has expressed a willingness to move to Elko for this purpose. This will provide an aircraft asset in each of our region commands.

In closing, the NHP Northern Command Flight Operation program has enjoyed another successful and productive year. With the sudden 33% increase in the size of our fleet, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities this expansion will present.

Below is a comparative summary of N111HP flight operations in the Northern and Central commands for the 2004 and 2005 Calendar years.

Total Hours Flown	2005	2004	Change
Time over sites.....	258.9	233.6	11 %
Time enroute to sites.....	132.9	119.6	11 %
Prisoner Transports.....(34)	127.5	(34) 141.0	- 9 %
Personnel Transports...(8)	28.7	(5) 24.9	15 %
Maintenance.....	4.3	5.8	-26 %
Pilot/Observer Training	36.0	11.7	207 %
Air shows.....(6)	7.9	(6) 11.7	-32 %
Miscellaneous.....	23.1	36.1	-36 %
Total:	621.1	584.4	6 %
Enforcement Missions Flown:	88	83	6 %
Total Enforcement Activity:	3194	2928	9 %
Activity Per Flight Hour:	12.2	12.4	-2 %

Activity	Cost	Reimbursement	Revenues
Traffic Enforcement	\$34,433.24		\$ 495,456.00
Prisoner Transports	\$12,150.82	\$ 1034.23	\$43,989.00
All Other	<u>\$7989.71</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
	\$54,573.77	\$ 1034.23	\$ 539,445.00

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2005	2004	% of Change	
FRONT OFFICE				
Accident Reports Processed	5142	3895	+32.02%	
Arrest Reports Processed	2031	1755	+15.73%	
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	117	Not available	N/A	
Office Accident Reports Taken	313	268	+16.79%	
COURT / WARRANT				
Warrants Received	5940	6346	-6.40%	
Warrants Entered	4130	6926	-40.37%	
Warrants Cleared	6819	8902	-23.40%	
Warrants Validated	2245	4436	-49.39%	
Citations Processed	36,606	Not available	N/A	
COMMUNICATION CENTER				
Radio Transmissions	1,234,684	957,780	28.91%	
CAD incidents	193,875	99,380	95.08%	

FRONT OFFICE

Front office reports increased by 17%, for a total of 313 processed. The number of accident reports processed for this year increased by 32% for a total of 5,142. There was a significant discrepancy last year in the number of crashes reported, versus the number of reports processed. Due to new reporting and accounting procedures implemented, that discrepancy was virtually eliminated.

There are no 2004 Incident statistics available since that category was not required to be captured and/or reported last year. Arrest reports processed increased 15.73%.

Two Administrative Assistant II positions are currently vacant. Those positions will be replaced with existing staff when the Court/Warrant Section is moved to Carson City and those positions are hired with new personnel.

Training hours decreased with one AAI attending the First Line Supervisor's Academy in Carson City, but completing only two weeks due to medical issues. Overtime increased by 60% from last year, as current staff covered the two vacant positions. Overall hours worked, with three vacancies, including one from Court Warrants, only decreased by 0.54%.

Revision of the Work Performance Standards for the Northern Command Administrative staff is a high priority in the upcoming year. The staff has progressed with the demands of the Division, and is functioning at a higher capacity than in the past.

COURT WARRANTS

There are no statistical comparisons for the first two months of 2005 for citations processed. However, the rest of the year reports 36,606 citations generated and processed to the courts. Warrant entry, clearing, and validations are down an overall 119% due to the warrant officer being on vacation, one AA II vacancy. The other clerk took over those duties, which include; Court runs, subpoenas, and transport planning.

Recruitment and hiring for the vacancy has been completed. This position will be filled on January 30th by a transfer from the DPS Parole and Probation, Fugitive Unit. As this candidate has prior experience with JLCClient, her training time should be less than the other two candidates currently undergoing background investigations. This AAII will be utilized for basic entry immediately to work on the backlog.

COMMUNICATIONS

2005 saw a significant increase in CAD incident and Radio activity, nearly doubling the number of CAD incidents created. All areas of leave, with the exception of Comp leave, increased in 2005. The primary management goal regarding statistics this year was a reduction of overtime. This was accomplished with reductions in both areas and an overall reduction of 23.43%. This was accomplished through the use of shift trading, creative shift assignments and scheduling.

The Northern Command Communication center varied between 3 and 6 vacant Public Safety Dispatcher (PSD) I positions and one PSD IV position during this period. All PSD I positions were filled as of the end of December 2005. The PSD IV position remains open until a sufficient number of applicants can be found.

The Center will be moving to Carson City in 2006.

TRAINING COORDINATOR

In the year of 2005, there were a total of 218 hours spent for the coordination and maintenance of the Northern Command Training Program. The following are the key areas:

Training Facilitation (160.5 hours)

For the year 2005, the following training classes were prepared for and/or conducted:

- NBC Domestic Awareness
- ICS 200/300
- First Responder Operations; Law Enforcement class
- Defensive Tactics recertification for DPS personnel
- Firearms qualifications for DPS personnel
- Firearms training for NHP In-service personnel
- INTOXILYZER 5000 certification/recertification
- Emergency Response Guide training
- Blood Borne Pathogens training
- First Responder recertification

- Stop Stick certification
- Stop Stick Instructor certification
- Sexual Harassment training
- Cultural Awareness Training.
- Drug Recognition Expert Training
- Airborne Observer certification
- Emergency Vehicle Operations certification for the academy
- Firearms training for the academy
- Traffic Stop training for the academy
- Radar certification
- Radar recertification training
- NCIC recertification training
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Certification
- Standard Field Sobriety Testing refresher training
- Child Safety Seat certification
- F.A.T.S training
- Air Munitions certification
- DPS Firearms Instructor certification
- FBI Firearms Instructor certification
- CHP Rifle certification training
- DPS Rifle certification training
- Sig Sauer Transition training
- Taser certification/recertification
- TAR I & TAR II certification
- AMBER Alert Training
- Clandestine Lab Training
- Interview and Interrogation training
- PSTO certification
- Various classes offered by the Regional Public Safety Training Center

The facilitation included securing the instructors, equipment and classroom facilities. Other areas included are the creation of sign-up rosters through NEATS and the K-drive, signing up students, answering question to the perspective students, creating certificates for various classes and research of training through the internet.

Training Records Management (57.5 hours)

Training records management consisted of updating the state personnel system and the NHP In-service system with up to date training records.

Instruction (1129.5 hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 1129.5 hours in teaching various classes to In-service personnel and the academy.

Training Attended (316.5 hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 316.5 hours in attending various training classes.

Meetings (79 hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 79 hours on various meetings.

Special Assignments (89.5 Hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 89.5 hours on various special assignments.

Leave (155.5 hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 155.5 hours of annual leave/comp leave.

Road Coverage (175.5 Hours)

During the year of 2005, the training coordinator spent 175.5 hours on road coverage with 154 citations 7 property damage accidents, 5 injury accidents, 1 felony arrest charge, 3 misdemeanor arrest charges, 1 misdemeanor DUI arrest charge and various calls for service.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

This was a very busy year in the public relations coordinator's office. We were involved with countless events and activities, which not only promoted our division, but the entire department as well.

Recruitment was a big area of involvement, which facilitated trips to military bases and colleges in California and Utah. Because of these pro-active efforts, we were able to fill most of our critical vacancies throughout the state. On one of these recruiting events in San Diego, News Channel 8 sent a reporter and a photographer to follow us on our day at the recruitment fair. This generated a 3-minute news story that showed the citizens of northern Nevada how motivated and pro-active we are in recruiting new employees to our department.

Throughout the entire year, we continued to have a strong relationship with the television, radio and print media outlets. Reactive stories from fatal accidents and significant arrests to pro-active stories to include alcohol awareness, safe winter driving, and how to report reckless and aggressive drivers to name a few were facilitated during the year.

We continue to stay actively involved with Special Olympics, which is the only organization the International Association of Chiefs of Police has endorsed as their "charity of choice." We participated in 3 "tip-a-cop" events at local restaurants where uniformed personnel shadowed waiters and waitresses to raise money for this organization. In our region we were able to generate over \$15,000.00 with all of the proceeds benefiting athletes in northern Nevada. Also throughout the year, employees volunteered their time to other organizations to include the Salvation Army, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society. Our involvements with these organizations also showed the citizens of northern Nevada, with the assistance of the media, how involved our department is with our local communities.

We were requested on numerous occasions throughout the year to teach drivers education to the local high schools. Troopers gave presentations to include topics such as common accident causes, traffic laws and alcohol and drug awareness. Safety presentations were also given to companies and organizations during the year to include Colorite Plastics, International Gaming Technology, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Our department also attended larger events throughout the year to include the Reno Rodeo, Nevada Day Parade and Halloween at the Governor's mansion.

In May, we were asked by News Channel 8 to help them with their morning news show by providing five traffic updates 5 days a week. We stayed committed to this task until October when they affiliated with a different radio network. We have continued all year with our weekly one hour radio show on AM 1400 labeled "Trooper Talk" where traffic safety is discussed each Wednesday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. In addition, we are providing live

traffic reports Tuesday through Friday on 94.5 FM at 6:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., which has a very large listening audience.

As we transition into 2006 we will continue to show the citizens of Nevada how professional and dedicated we are to providing safety and service, not only through our visibility on our highways, but at all of the community events we attend in northern Nevada.

2005 ended with a major rainstorm that produced flooding throughout most of the region.



Sparks industrial area



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Carson City/Minden/Lake Tahoe